Number of Officers on tour

	1990-91		1991-92		Rank
	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	
(i) Air India . .	12	30	15	31	Commercial Manager to Assistant Station Superintendent.
(ii) Indian Airlines .	4	*	4	*	Deputy Commercial Director to Assistant Commercial Manager
(iii) Vayudoot .	—	*	—	*	Commercial Manager.

*The business promotion tours within the country are undertaken alongwith other items of work. No separate records are, therefore, maintained.

(b) Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore Japan, Malaysia Europe, Canada, Kenya, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Gulf countries. The domestic tours covered various stations such as Ahmedabad, Navasari Lucknow, Agra, Chandigarh etc.

(c) The total expenditure incurred on the above tours (excluding the internal tours of Indian Airlines and vayudoot officials) was Rs. 2.56 lakhs in 1990-91 and Rs. 4.71 lakhs in 1991-92

(d) The tours were in connection with business promotion efforts contributing to increase in revenue.

World Bank assistance to Nabard

*216. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank propose to give project assistance worth $ 640 million to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) A proposal to provide assistance to NABARD is under discussion with the world bank. Details regarding the quantum of assistance cannot be determined until the content of the loan programme is finalised.

Concessional STD Rates for Rural Areas

*217. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government charges at lower rates for the STD phone calls at night;

(b) what concessional facilities are offered for rural phone users, without STD facilities;

(c) whether it is a fact that people living in rural areas get no concession for their trunk calls; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to extend concessional rate and increase the duration when concessional trunk calls can be made in areas without STD facility ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the normal 50% concessional rate on trunk calls between 0000 hrs. to 0500 hrs and 2200 hrs to 2400 hrs on week days and all 2400 hrs on Sundays and National holidays for the distance slab of above 50 kms, there is a further 50% concession introduced with effect from 1-4-90 on all trunk calls made from Long Distance Public Telephones which are mainly located in the rural areas.

(c) No Sir, the position is indicated as in (b) above.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

Accident rate of air buses with Air India and Indian Airlines

*218. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of air buses operating with the Indian Airlines and the Air India;

(b) what is the number of accidents that took place during the last five years, involving airbuses;

(c) what percentage of total accidents do the accident involving air buses constitute;

(d) whether Government have considered the suitability of operating air buses; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :

(a) (i) Indian Airlines

Airbus A-300	11
Airbus A-320	18
	29

(ii) Air India

Airbus A-300	3
Airbus A-310	8
	11

(b) There has been only one accident to Airbus aircraft during last 5 years.

(c) The percentage of accident to airbus aircraft constitutes about 1.4% of total accidents during last 5 years.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) These aircraft have type-certification recognised and approved by the DGCA.

Outflow of Foreign Exchange from NRI Accounts

219. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a net outflow of foreign exchange deposits from Non-Resident Indian accounts during the first six months of the current financial year;

(b) If so, what is the month to month outflow registered; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) It is true that there was a net outflow of foreign exchange deposits from non-resident accounts during the first six months of the current financial year. Month-wise details are furnished in the Table below :

NRI Deposits inflows (outflows) (—)

US ($ Million)

1992-93	NR(E)RA	FCNRA
April . .	52	—188
May . .	—5	76
June . .	57	—45
July . . .	—23(P)	—4
August . .	—17(P)	—9
Sept. . . .	—18(P)	—3
Total . .	46	—325

NR(E)RA=Non-Resident (External) Rupee Accounts

FCNRA=Foreign Currency Non-Resident Accounts.